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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *October 08, New Britain Herald (CT)* — **Pair arrested for CL&P thefts.** Two New Britain, CT, men were arrested Monday, October 6, for allegedly stealing materials from the Connecticut Light & Power substation. "We had known there were some people stealing from the substation," Police Capt. Ludwig Schubert said. "This is an ongoing thing at many businesses throughout the state. People steal scrap metal and sell it." Police found

**that the two men had been slipping underneath a barbed wire fence to remove the materials.** "People do this all the time," Schubert said, "but usually it is not done during daylight hours." They were both charged with criminal trespass in the first degree, interfering with an officer, conspiracy to commit criminal mischief in the first degree, conspiracy to commit criminal trespass in the first degree, larceny in the second degree and conspiracy to commit larceny in the second degree.

Source: [http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=10284138&BRD=1641&PAG=461&dept\\_id=10112&rft=6](http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=10284138&BRD=1641&PAG=461&dept_id=10112&rft=6)

2. *October 08, Associated Press* — **Leak discovered at New Hampshire plant. Inspectors at the Seabrook Station nuclear plant near Portsmouth, NH, discovered a coolant leak inside the containment dome that is similar to one that caused an expensive and lengthy shutdown of a plant in Ohio.** The leak, discovered Tuesday, October 7, and reported to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), poses no danger and was caught in time to prevent costly damage, spokespersons for the plant and the NRC said. The leak was discovered during a monthlong refueling shutdown that began Saturday, October 4, plant spokesperson Alan Griffith said. "It's a very small and recent leak," he said. The leak was in a weld on a pipe that surrounds a mechanism that moves fuel rods in and out of the reactor. **The leak allowed a coolant, which contains corrosive particles, to escape from the pipe. If allowed to accumulate for months or years, the coolant can eat through steel.** Plant technicians think the leak started in the last two to three weeks, Griffith said.

Source: [http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/ap20031008\\_1411.html](http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/ap20031008_1411.html)

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## **Chemical Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

3. *October 08, Daily Press (VA)* — **New fighter jet may enhance battle operations.** The military's proposed new super stealthy plane, the F/A-22 Raptor fighter jet, promises to transform the way the Air Force can help U.S. battle commanders fight their battles, Air Force Colonel Frank Gorenc said Tuesday, October 7. Langley Air Force Base in Virginia is slated to be the first operational home for the new planes. **The biggest threats that the new jet fighter will offer are its stealthiness and long-range capabilities, he said. The plane's technology is supposed to allow it to better evade radar.** The planes are on schedule to arrive at Langley in November or December of next year, Gorenc said. The Raptors are just an example of the transformation in the Air Force and the rest of the military — a change that started during the first Gulf War, Gorenc said. Before then, he said, the perceived military threats were the nations allied with the Soviet Union and the battle strategies centered primarily in and around Europe. But during — and after — the first Gulf War, the fighter wing had to become expeditionary. "We have to be ready to go anywhere in the world," he said. "We are an available asset for any area theater at any time."

Source: <http://www.dailypress.com/news/local/dp-89511sy0oct08.0.4880497.story?coll=dp-news-local-final>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

4. *October 08, Indianapolis Star (IN)* — **Identity thieves steal \$62,000 in casino scam.** Identity thieves used phony credit cards in a sophisticated scheme to swindle at least \$62,000 from five riverboats in northwest Indiana. The fraud ring, which also struck casinos in Illinois and Nevada, is one of the biggest to hit Indiana in recent years, according to reports from the Indiana State Police. **According to police reports, the criminals assumed the identities of Discover credit card holders, changed the addresses on their credit cards and then added fictitious names to be authorized users on the accounts. Once they received a new card, bearing the phony names, they took them to casinos in northwest Indiana and charged at least 13 cash advances of up to \$7,900 on the cards.** The method the thieves used, called a "takeover," is one of the most difficult forms of credit card fraud to trace, said Ann Davidson, a product expert at CUNA Mutual Group's credit union protection division. By changing the cardholder's address and getting new cards, the thieves can make charges and cash advances from anywhere, Davidson said. Indiana State Police still are investigating the crimes and no one has been charged.

Source: <http://www.indystar.com/print/articles/4/081502-6924-009.htm>

5. *October 07, esecurityplanet.com* — **Web scammers agree to pay \$815,000.** The promoters of a Web-based pre-approved credit card scam agreed Monday, October 4, to pay \$815,000 to settle Federal Trade Commission (FTC) charges of deceptive trade practices. **The FTC alleged that the defendants sent spam e-mail telling consumers they were approved and guaranteed to receive major, unsecured credit cards with credit limits up to \$5,000 for an advance fee of \$49.95. According to the FTC, however, consumers who paid the fee did not receive the promised card.** Instead, they allegedly received access to a set of hyperlinks to companies where consumers could apply for credit cards, and even those were generally for secured credit cards, stored-value cards, or catalog charge cards. In addition to paying redress, the settlement prohibits the defendants from making any false claims to consumers in the future.

Source: <http://www.esecurityplanet.com/trends/article.php/3088211>

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## **Transportation Sector**

6. *October 08, Portland Press Herald* — **Two ports coordinate ferry security.** Officials from Portland, ME, and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, agreed to coordinate ferry and port security on both sides of the international border during a two-day meeting that ended Tuesday. Leaders of both ports also said they planned to cooperate more closely to take advantage of tourism and economic development opportunities generated by the Scotia Prince, the international ferry that runs between the two communities daily each summer. **The meeting**

grew out of the pressure to intensify waterfront and passenger security in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, and the realization that safeguards are needed on both sides of the border for them to work. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has required American seaport terminals to create security plans and upgrade screening of ferry passengers. Portland is preparing those plans, and intends to install passenger screening equipment at the International Marine Terminal, among other security measures. But the tighter security on this side of the border does little to prevent the possibility that weapons or terrorists could board the ferry in Nova Scotia and travel to Maine. As a result, the U.S. Coast Guard is also requiring port facilities in Yarmouth to submit plans for increasing security there.

Source: <http://www.pressherald.com/news/local/031008novascotia.shtml>

7. *October 08, Austin Business Journal* — **Texas commuter rail on track.** Rep. Mike Krusee, R-Taylor, who is chairman of the House Transportation Committee and an opponent of the long-discussed light rail system for Austin, says: "Commuter rail is cheaper, faster and less disruptive to create. We have the opportunity to do something at a fraction of the price." **Under Krusee's plan, rail routes that would be converted for commuter traffic are: The Union Pacific Corp. freight rail line, The Austin-to-Leander line owned by the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Cap Metro), A section of rail line that the Texas Department of Transportation owns.** Krusee says the commuter rail system could be completed in less than three years and cost less than \$100 million. Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis says: "It's something we've been working with state and various agencies over the years, and we're studying their proposals." **Part of the equation includes Amtrak, which is under contract agreement with Union Pacific to put passenger trains on the railroad's line.** State legislation or an election would be required before Cap Metro could put passenger traffic on any rail lines, Krusee says.

Source: <http://famulus.msnbc.com/famuluscom/bizjournal10-04-010035.a.sp?bizj=AUS>

8. *October 08, Reuters* — **Airline business travel bottoms out.** Although the sharp decline in business travel at major U.S. airlines has reached its low point, **the outlook for carriers remains bleak as more companies shop for bargains and cut back on trips, an industry survey has found.** The survey found that 76 percent of the companies that were surveyed increased their travel on low-fare airlines in 2003 and 75 percent boosted their use of technology to purchase tickets on the Internet and enhance strategies to avoid or minimize travel. Pete Buchheit, travel manager at power tool and hardware manufacturer Black & Decker Corp, said the company now books nearly 40 percent of its domestic travel online and is relying more on low-fare carriers Southwest Airlines and AirTran, a unit of AirTran Holdings. Both fly from Baltimore-Washington International airport near Black & Decker's Maryland headquarters. **The survey also found that more business travelers are seeking alternatives to airlines like Amtrak or driving. Some, especially tech savvy younger executives and budget-conscious sales personnel, are more widely using teleconferencing and videoconferencing to avoid travel** or they are planning trips more strategically.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/WORLD/americas/10/07/biz.trav.bottom.s.out.reut/>

9. *October 08, Associated Press* — **Delta flight makes emergency landing in Fort Myers.** A Delta Air Lines flight carrying 139 passengers to Atlanta made an emergency landing at Southwest Florida International Airport on Wednesday when one of its two engines stalled

shortly after takeoff. No one was injured. **The pilot of Delta flight 1954 shut down the malfunctioning engine on the Boeing 767–300 about 7 a.m. and returned safely to the airport about twenty minutes later**, Delta spokesman Anthony Black said. The plane is designed to fly with one engine, he said. Rescue crews rushed to the airport runway after the pilot declared an emergency, said Laska Ryan, spokeswoman for the Lee County Port Authority, which operates the airport. The passengers were flown to Atlanta on another plane. **Maintenance crews will change the bad engine**, Black said.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/southflorida/sfl-108deltalanding.0.1418052.story?coll=sfla-home-headlines>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

10. *October 08, Charlotte Observer* — **Serious problems remain in the air cargo system.** Last month the government announced a crackdown on illegal shipments of hazardous freight. **This month the Transportation Security Administration plans to announce new security regulations for the handling of air cargo. Both moves are urgently needed. Only a small percentage of air cargo is inspected, and airport cargo–handling areas are less secure than passenger terminals. Problems could be particularly acute with passenger planes.** About 22 percent of them carry airmail or cargo. Passengers who've been closely screened may be sitting above freight containers that have scarcely received a glance. As an example of uglier potential consequences — even setting aside the danger of terrorism — **experts cite the 1996 crash of a ValuJet plane in Florida's Everglades. The subsequent fire that killed 110 people was blamed on the illegal shipment of oxygen generators in the cargo hold.** Economic concerns also are serious. **Some fear that any major slowdown in the movement of air freight could again stagger the airline industry and the American economy.**

Source: <http://www.charlotte.com/mld/observer/news/6958813.htm>

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## **Agriculture Sector**

11. *October 08, USDA* — **USDA awards \$1.5 million for research on the economic effects of prevention control.** U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced Wednesday, October 8, \$1.5 million in grants and cooperative agreements to organizations in eight states to examine the economic effects of combating exotic pests and diseases. The grants and cooperative agreements announced today will be provided to organizations in California, Hawaii, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming. Some topics the grants will examine include the costs and benefits of alternative invasive species management strategies conducted in foreign countries, at U.S. ports of entry, and within the United States; the economic effects of regulations to prevent the importation of invasive species that threaten U.S. forest resources; economic effects of livestock disease controls and how these effects might vary with efforts by ranchers or regulatory authorities to reduce the risk of disease transmission; how to best allocate resources between exclusion and control strategies for representative invasive pests; the economic effects

of invasive species policies within the context of trade and agricultural policies, such as tariffs, commodity programs, and crop insurance.

Source: <http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/10/0349.htm>

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## **Food Sector**

12. *October 08, U.S. Department of Agriculture* — **Public meetings to address Codex Committee on Food Imports and Exports.** The Office of the Undersecretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture, announced two public meetings Wednesday, October 8, in anticipation of the meeting of Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS). **The first meeting will be held on October 22 and the second meeting will be held on November 12. Both meetings will be held in College Park, MD.** Agenda items for the meetings include: proposed draft revisions to the Codex Guidelines for the Exchange of Information on Food Control Emergency Situations; discussion paper on traceability/product tracing in the context of food import and export inspection and certification systems; and discussion paper on the judgment of equivalence of technical regulations associated with food inspection and certification systems. The CCFICS committee will meet December 1–5 in Brisbane, Australia.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/news/2003/ccfics100803.htm>

13. *October 07, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — **Triunfo Import Food Corp. recalls Queijo tipo Mineiro Cheese.** Triunfo Import Food Corp. of Newark, NJ, is recalling one pound packages of Queijo tipo Mineiro cheese because they have potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with impaired immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short term symptoms such as headaches, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, listeria infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women. The recalled product was distributed in New Jersey and New York. The cheese comes in one pound clear plastic packages with expiration dates from September 24 through November 4. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

Source: [http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/triunfo10\\_03.html](http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/triunfo10_03.html)

14. *October 07, U.S. Department of Agriculture* — **Indiana firm recalls meat products because of undeclared allergens.** Olympic Food Products Inc., a Kokomo, IN, establishment, is voluntarily recalling approximately 33,000 pounds of frozen corn dogs that contain undeclared allergens (egg, whey) and an undeclared ingredient (beef), the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced Tuesday, October 8. All of the products subject to recall also bear the establishment code "EST. P-6882" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The products were distributed nationwide to wholesale and retail establishments. The problem was discovered by the company. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/recalls/prelease/pr053-2003.htm>

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## Water Sector

15. *October 08, Sacramento Bee* — **State details water plans.** California's first new water plan since the Pete Wilson administration is calling for a multibillion-dollar investment in water conservation, recycling and other programs to quench the state's growing thirst by 2030. **The plan endorses more investigation of water storage projects but says the state can easily gain about five million acre-feet -- enough for about 10 million new households -- by investing in better use of existing supplies.** Drafted by a diverse group of stakeholders over three years, the Department of Water Resources blueprint was released Tuesday and is already generating criticism. **Unlike a 1998 water plan produced by Wilson appointees, the new blueprint doesn't tout the need for new reservoirs nor project dire shortages. Nor does it call for statewide regulation of groundwater -- a measure long touted by environmentalists but opposed by many farm districts.** Instead, the report recommends a portfolio of relatively "easy-to-implement" fixes -- ranging from water recycling to replenishment of aquifers. It even calls for a state program of seeding clouds to generate more precipitation -- an idea once dismissed as a Jules Verne fantasy.  
Source: [http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/environment/story/7560300\\_p-8501634c.html](http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/environment/story/7560300_p-8501634c.html)
16. *October 08, Washington Post* — **Maryland county urges well owners to test water after Isabel.** Almost 170 private wells in Maryland's Anne Arundel County have tested positive for bacterial contamination after being flooded by Hurricane Isabel last month, the county Health Department said yesterday. No illnesses have been reported, said Elin Jones, the department spokesperson. **But the county continued to urge residents whose wells were deluged by the storm to have them tested. She said well owners should drink bottled water until their water source has been verified as clean. Of the 267 wells tested by the county, 168 showed signs of contamination,** she said. Some of the wells tested positive for the E. coli bacteria, she said, "which indicates some type of sewage contamination." Millions of gallons of untreated sewage flowed into the Chesapeake Bay and area rivers after three of the county's wastewater treatment plants lost power during the storm. Of the 45,000 private wells in the county, 5,000 to 10,000 were flooded, Jones said, meaning that many more wells could be contaminated. **Water from contaminated wells can be used for showering and washing clothing. But it should not be consumed or used for cooking.** In the days after the storm, county officials urged residents whose wells were flooded to chlorinate their systems and to drink bottled water.  
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A59157-2003Oct 7.html>
17. *October 08, Associated Press* — **Water wells contaminated in Nebraska town.** Residents of a rural neighborhood near Grand Island, NE, have been showering in churches and drinking bottled water after tests showed their wells were contaminated with industrial solvents known to cause cancer, liver and kidney damage. **The contamination is so severe that health officials have advised residents in the 24 affected homes against coming into any contact with the water, and are considering applying for federal Superfund designation.** "We may just be scratching the edge or this may be the worst area. We don't know," said city Utilities Director Gary Mader. **The contamination has been found in the private water wells in a rural area southwest of the city, which has a population of about 44,000. The wells were tested after high levels of an industrial solvent were found last year in a nearby city well**

**that was later shut down. The wells showed dangerously high levels of two industrial solvents: dichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene.** Both agents have been found to cause liver and kidney damage and cancer. Tetrachloroethylene is commonly used in dry cleaning and metal degreasing. Dichloroethylene is used for waxes and resins. **City and county officials aren't speculating on the source of contamination until research has been completed.**

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/nation/wire/sns-ap-c-ontaminated-wells.0.1648137.story?coll=sns-ap-nation-headlines>

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## **Public Health Sector**

**18. *October 08, Reuters* — Biotech researchers told to think about bioterror.** Biotechnology researchers should do more to ensure their research cannot be misused for terrorism but government regulation of the science is the wrong way to go, a committee of U.S. experts said on Wednesday, October 8. The report from the National Research Council recommends that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services create an independent National Science Advisory Board for Biodefense to advise on the risks and benefits of new technology such as genetic engineering. **The report notes that the traditional way scientists share information — in openly published journals, at meetings and on the Internet — could be abused by people seeking to make biological weapons.** "This proposal is a key step in an evolving process to strike the right balance between national security concerns and the openness necessary for America's research enterprise to thrive," said committee chairman Gerald Fink. The report points out seven areas that need special review and care, including altering an organism so it could evade diagnostics or detection, and work to help weaponize an agent or toxin.

Source: [http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/reuters20031008\\_374.html](http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/reuters20031008_374.html)

**19. *October 08, Reuters* — WHO chief bracing for new SARS outbreak.** The World Health Organization is bracing for another Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak this winter and is setting up a rapid reaction center at its Geneva headquarters, said Lee Jong-Wook, the head of the United Nations agency, on Wednesday, October 8. Lee said it was impossible to be sure how the killer virus would behave in coming months. **Lee said that given the disease had not completed a one year cycle it was not known how it would behave in the winter months.** Developing better diagnostic tests was critical to handling any further outbreak, he added.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A61909-2003Oct 8.html>

**20. *October 07, Associated Press* — Preventable complications cost more than \$9 billion, study says.** Postoperative infections, surgical wounds accidentally opening and other often-preventable complications lead to more than 32,000 U.S. hospital deaths and more than \$9 billion in extra costs annually, a report suggests. **Researchers from the U.S. government's Agency for Healthcare Research analyzed data on 18 complications sometimes caused by medical errors. They found that such complications contribute to 2.4 million extra days in the hospital each year. Many of the 18 complications, including medical objects left inside patients after surgery, are preventable medical errors.** Some, like bleeding after surgery, might not always be avoidable, said Chunliu Zhan of the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research



and Quality. "Given their staggering magnitude, these estimates are clearly sobering," Saul Weingart and Lisa Iezzoni of Harvard's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center said in an accompanying editorial. **The most serious complication was post–surgery sepsis — bloodstream infections — which occurred in 2,592 patients. Sepsis resulted in 11 extra days of hospitalization and \$57,727 in extra costs per patient, plus a 22% higher risk of death.**

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2003-10-07-costly-complications\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2003-10-07-costly-complications_x.htm)

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## **Government Sector**

21. *October 08, PRNewswire* — **Department of Homeland Security awards contract to biometric group.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has awarded a three-year contract to International Biometric Group (IBG) for research into the impact of identity determination systems and processes on international travel, border management and homeland security. **Under this contract, IBG will work with DHS and key global travel stakeholders to research and explore technologies and processes that can significantly enhance homeland security, while maintaining the priorities of personal privacy and travel convenience.** The contract is initially valued at \$2.2 million and would increase substantially when all options are exercised.

Source: [http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=SVBIZINK3\\_story&STORY=/www/story/10-08-2003/0002031890&EDATE=WED+Oct+08+2003,+09:02+AM](http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=SVBIZINK3_story&STORY=/www/story/10-08-2003/0002031890&EDATE=WED+Oct+08+2003,+09:02+AM)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

22. *October 08, Canada News Wire* — **Canada strengthens its preparedness to respond to terrorist attacks.** On Wednesday, the Radio–Nuclear Laboratory Cluster of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Research and Technology Initiative (CRTI) conducted Exercise "As Is" at Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's (AECL) Chalk River Laboratories (CRL). **CRTI projects and training exercises will result in increased protection, detection and decontamination capabilities to improve the safety and security of Canadians.** "The purpose of this exercise was to test the preparedness of our teams, and their ability to respond and operate synergistically in the event of a terrorist attack involving radioactive materials," said Dr. Jack Cornett, Director of the Radiation Protection Bureau at Health Canada and Radio–Nuclear Cluster Leader. **"We wanted to see exactly how prepared we are and how we would respond if a terrorist attack involving radioactive materials were to occur today,"** said Ted Sykes, Portfolio Manager of the Radio–Nuclear Cluster at CRTI. **Exercise "As Is" was the first of four proposed radiological field exercises under the auspices of the Radio–Nuclear Laboratory Cluster of CRTI.** This and subsequent exercises will provide opportunities to test and refine the Government of Canada's capabilities to respond to radio–nuclear situations as committed under the Federal Nuclear Emergency Plan.

Source: <http://www.newswire.ca/releases/October2003/08/c9429.html>

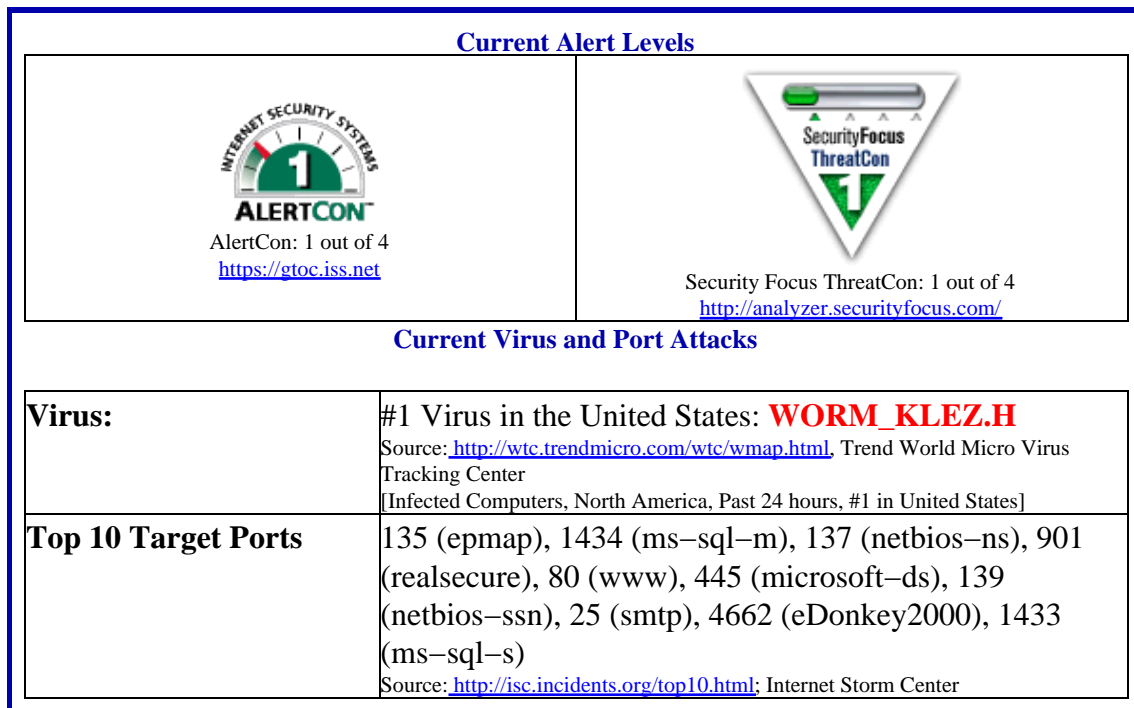
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## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

**23. *October 08, Reuters* — House votes to tighten computer security.** The U.S. House of Representatives voted on Wednesday, October 8, to require the government to set up its computers so they are not exposed to security risks associated with "peer-to-peer" networks. **Government agencies that used the decentralized networks to exchange data would have to ensure they do not accidentally expose classified material or allow hackers into their systems under the bill,** which passed by voice vote. Peer-to-peer networks such as Kazaa and Grokster allow users to copy music and other material directly from each others' hard drives. Federal agencies have begun to use peer-to-peer technology as well. But **if configured improperly, peer-to-peer networks can expose tax returns, medical records and other sensitive documents users do not want to share.** Worms and viruses can spread through the networks and some also contain hidden "spyware" to track users' activities, according to testimony at a committee hearing earlier this year. The bill would require government agencies to come up with a plan to minimize such security risks through technical measures and employee training.

Source: <http://reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=XCQWTQ1AFXSCCCRBAEKSFFA?type=politicsNews&storyID=3580149>

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## **General Sector**

24. *October 08, Associated Press* — **Airport secured for APEC summit. Thailand boosted security at Bangkok's international airport today, ahead of a summit meeting of 21 world leaders, but officials dismissed concerns that the airport was vulnerable to attacks. Anti-aircraft missiles mounted on four armoured personnel carriers were positioned at vantage points, and the tarmac was outfitted with infrared alarm systems to guard against intruders.** The Royal Thai Air Force has deployed 1300 anti-terrorist and anti-riot commandos, accompanied by sniffer dogs, on around-the-clock duty at the airport. Security experts have suggested that the Bangkok airport could be a headache for security police during the October 20–21 summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. Part of the airport and the tarmac are clearly visible from a nearby elevated expressway. A golf course sits between the airport's runways and several tall buildings are in the vicinity, which some have said leave the airport exposed to attacks. **Several major roads will be closed to traffic during the summit, and Bangkok authorities have gone to great lengths to clear the streets of beggars and stray dogs. The government is also planning to use mice to taste leaders' food for poison.**

Source: [http://www.theadvertiser.news.com.au/common/story\\_page/0,593,6,7504206%5E401,00.html](http://www.theadvertiser.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,593,6,7504206%5E401,00.html)

25. *October 08, New York Times* — **U.S. can't locate missiles once held in Iraq arsenal.** The lack of accounting for the missiles — officials say there could be hundreds — is the primary reason the occupation authorities have not yet reopened the Baghdad International Airport to commercial traffic, officials said. **Portable missiles were fired at incoming planes several times in recent weeks, one senior official said. Most of those incidents have not been reported to the public. The missiles missed their targets widely, suggesting that the people who fired them had not been extensively trained.** The American military is pressing the search for the missiles, offering a reward of \$500 for each one. All together, 317 shoulder-fired missiles have been handed over to the military since May 1, according to unclassified United States military figures. The military has paid more than \$100,000 in rewards, the figures show. **But occupation officials remain concerned, because there is a vibrant international black market for the missiles in which an SA-7 can fetch as much as \$5,000 — far more than the United States military is offering.** The missiles are easy to smuggle, with a weight of 30 pounds or less and a length less than six feet, and Iraq's borders are highly porous at the moment.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/10/08/international/middleeast/08MISS.html?th>

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